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SECRET SECURITY INFORMATION

Chief, Frankfurt Operations Base 19 March 1952
ATTENTION: Assistant Security Officer, DRC (Q)
Chief, Berlin Operations Base
Operational
Delivery of Letter

To Board
(given to
SCHUARTING
3452-1)

Reference: Office Memorandum dated 28 February from Rolf (?) R. Kerster (?)

1. Reference letter was delivered by CAUTERY 18 on 13 March. According to his report, the couple to whom he transmitted it requested him to return the next day for a possible reply. When he returned as requested, the man told him that they had had a great deal of trouble because of their connection with the case involved, and did not wish to give him a written reply. However, during the course of their conversation the addressee let slip considerable information. The gist was that shortly after the girl (his niece) and her friend had left, her parents, together with numerous friends and neighbors, had been arrested. Shortly thereafter most were released, and one of these had visited the family L. in West Berlin. He came several times, obviously under escort, and the burden of his song was that if the girl would return home all would be well and her parents would have no more trouble. L. further stated that he had found out somehow that a letter he had given an alleged US contact of his niece for her, had never arrived. For this reason, he saw no reason to write again, especially through a strange contact. He merely stated that anything the girl wants to know, she can learn by writing the "Russische Kommandantur" herself.

2. When CAUTERY 18 revisited the family, at their request, on 14 March, he immediately saw that the location was under surveillance. A young German man was pacing up and down the sidewalk in front of the address, and another man, hatless and with the general appearance of an American, was standing across the street. After completing his mission, he evaded the surveillance attempted by the former, and reappearing the address some time later, observed that both men had disappeared. We trust that, if the surveillance noted was of your doing, you will see fit to inform us of that fact, and do so in advance in the future.

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